



<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	Application Number	09/580,201
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	First Named Inventor	J. Michael McIntosh
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Title of the Invention: CONOTOXIN PEPTIDES		

**AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the May 23, 2002 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due August 23, 2002. A three-month extension of time extending the due date to November 23, 2002 accompanies this Amendment. Because November 23, 2002 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, November 25, 2002, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the amendments to the specification as set forth on the following pages, which include the pertinent substitute paragraphs of the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 12, 24, and 29 as set forth on the following pages.

Please add new claims 32-34 as set forth on the following pages.

Marked-up sheets of the amended specification paragraphs and the amended claims are attached to this Amendment. Inserted material is indicated by redlining (redlining) and deleted material is indicated by strikeout (strikeout).